

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2004-3-E

DUKE POWER – ANNUAL REVIEW OF BASE RATES FOR FUEL COSTS.

S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865 (Supp. 2003) established a procedure for annual hearings to allow the Commission and all interested parties to review the fuel purchasing practices and policies of the Company and for the Commission to determine if any adjustment in the fuel cost recovery mechanism is necessary and reasonable.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, S.C. on **Wednesday, May 19, 2004 at 10:30 a.m.**

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the undersigned and Ms. Lara Nichols, Assistant General Counsel, Law Department, Duke Power, PB05E, P O Box 1244, Charlotte, North Carolina 28201-1244 on or before **March 19, 2004**, and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation.

Any person who wishes to express their views but is unable or does not desire to appear and testify at the hearing should submit those views to the undersigned in writing, on or before **March 19, 2004**.

Any person who wishes to participate in the hearing, as a Party of Record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **March 19, 2004**.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5115.

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